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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and further to our recurrent letters addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council concerning the ongoing violations of Iraq's airspace by United States and British aircraft, I have the honour to communicate to you hereunder some examples of recent acts of aggression committed by such aircraft in which many Iraqi civilians were killed and dwellings were destroyed.

1. On 18 July 1999 United States and British aircraft carried out a missile attack in Najaf Governorate in southern Iraq. Seven civilians were killed and damage was done to the homes of innocent citizens.

2. On 16 August 1999 United States and British aircraft attacked Wasit Governorate in southern Iraq. One child was killed in the bombing.

3. On 17 August 1999 United States and British aircraft again attacked Wasit Governorate in southern Iraq. Eleven civilians, including two children, were killed and damage was done to the homes of innocent citizens.

4. On 23 August 1999 United States and British aircraft attacked Ninawa Governorate in northern Iraq. Two civilians were killed in the bombing and damage was done to the homes of innocent citizens.

5. On 9 September 1999 United States and British aircraft attacked Muthanna Governorate in southern Iraq. One child was killed in the bombing.

As we condemn these repeated acts of criminal aggression against Iraq's territory and its people, we ask you to intervene with the Security Council with a view to its fully meeting the responsibilities entrusted to it by the Charter of the United Nations by taking the measures necessary to ensure that the United States and British administrations will halt the ongoing acts of military aggression against Iraq in which they have been engaging since 1991 in material and flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and their obligations as permanent members of the Security Council.

We also affirm in this context the legally established right of the Republic of Iraq, in accordance with the norms of international responsibility, to seek compensation for all the damage done to it and to its people, in human, material and other terms, by acts of aggression that are incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative